

### ASSEMBLY AWARDS



Congratulations to these students who received Awards at last Friday's Assembly:

**Principal's Awards:**

Mariah Carlon for " A great start to the school year".

Charlotte Murrell for " Showing care and consideration for other students".

**Infants Learning Studio Award:**

Charlotte Fletcher for " Showing greater confidence".

**Primary Learning Studio Award:**

Ava Hopkinson for " Making a great start in a new school".

Our assemblies are held each Friday in the School Hall at 2:45pm unless otherwise advised. All welcome.

### Dates to Remember

**Wed 10 Feb:** PT&F Meeting

5:30pm

**Thur 11 Feb:** Swimming Carnival

**Tue 16 Feb: 6:00pm** Opening

School Mass & BBQ

**Mon 22 Feb:** Board Meeting

**Thu 25 Feb:** Diocesan Swimming  
Carnival

**6-12 Mar:** Catholic Schools Week

**19 Mar:** St Joseph's Day

#### EASTER BREAK

**25 Mar:** Good Friday

**27 Mar:** Easter Sunday

**28 Mar:** Easter Monday

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**31 Mar:** Life Ed Van Visit

**8 Apr:** Last day of Term 1

**25 Apr:** ANZAC Day March

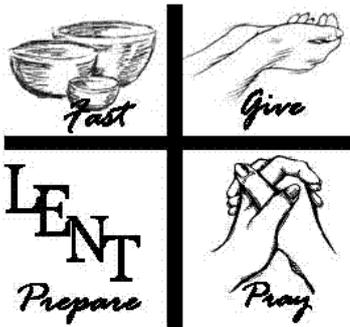
**26 Apr:** First day of Term 2

#### CANTEEN ROSTER

**Mon 15 Feb: Jordan  
Hannaford**

The new roster will be available soon. Thank you to all parents who put their names forward.





# St Joseph's School Newsletter



**ASH WEDNESDAY – LENT**

10 FEBRUARY 2016  
TERM 1 WEEK 3

## NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

### Lent

Today is Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday occurs 46 days before Easter. It's the beginning of Lent, which represents the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert. Lent is a time of preparation for Easter. This is a period of prayer, fasting and consideration of others.

### Parent/Teacher Chats

Next Wednesday and Thursday afternoons our teachers will be available to have an informal talk with parents. This is your chance to discuss information about your child with their teacher, such as their strengths and weakness', personalities, and any other details you think their teacher should know about. I encourage you all to take up this opportunity so you can meet the teachers who will be working with your child this year. To arrange a time, please fill in the form in this newsletter and return to the school office as soon as possible.

### Swimming Carnival

Our school swimming carnival will be held tomorrow 11th February. All children from K-6 will attend this carnival. The day will involve a formal carnival and novelty events for less experienced swimmers. We encourage every child to compete to the best of their ability in what -ever event or activity they are confident in competing in. The students need to come to school dressed in their sports uniform with their swimmers underneath. We will then walk the students over to the pool ready to start the carnival at 9:30. If you are available to help on the day it would be very much appreciated. Students are asked to bring a packed recess to eat at the pool and packed lunch to eat at school after the carnival. Don't forget to put sunscreen on your children and pack a hat and water bottle.

Note students are to wear their normal school uniform on Friday.

### PT&F

This afternoon will be our first PT&F meeting for 2016. It will be held in the 3/4/5/6 room starting at 5:30. All welcome! I look forward to working with you all over the year for the benefit of all our students.

Judy Elks

### *A Lenten Prayer*

*Dear Lord,  
I know You receive what is in  
my heart. Let me be inspired  
by Your words and by the  
actions of Your son, Jesus.  
Guide me to make sacrifices  
this Lent in the spirit of  
self-denial and with greater  
attention to You and to those  
around me. Help me to believe  
that You will grant me this  
because of the sacrifice Jesus  
made for me.*

*Amen.*

### **SCHOOL MASS**

There will be NO school Mass this Friday 12 February. School Masses will resume the following week.

### **SWIMMING**

Our **annual school swimming carnival will be held tomorrow Thursday 11 February.**

Please ensure that your child has all their swimming gear, including sunscreen and school hat, in a bag clearly labelled with their name.

Students are to come to school as usual on carnival day to be marked off the roll at 9:00am then they will walk across to the pool ready to start the carnival at 9:15am

Please pack recess and lunch for your children. The students will return to school in time for their lunch. We look forward to seeing you at the carnival on 11 February to cheer the children on!

### **OPENING SCHOOL MASS & BBQ**

Our Opening School Mass and induction of School Leaders will take place next Tuesday 16 February at 6:00pm. All our students and families are asked to be there for this special event on our school calendar.

A BBQ tea will take place in the school grounds after the Mass.

Families are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share. MacKillop House families are asked to please bring a salad (eg. garden salad/potato/pasta). Koolyangarra House families are asked to please bring a dessert. The school will supply the meat and sausages.

### **SCHOOL FEES**

School Fee Invoices and Statements for Term 1 were sent out last week and are due for payment by 29 February. If you wish to discuss a payment plan for their fees please contact the school office for an appointment with the Principal. All discussions and arrangements are strictly confidential. Direct Debit Forms are also available from the school office at any time.

### **STUDENT RESOURCES FEES**

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Student Resources have already been supplied to your child/children by the school. This guarantees that each child has the same quality and quantity. It also saves you from having to source them in the mad rush before school! The cost of these resources is kept to a minimum for our families and we therefore request that you pay these separately to your school fees as soon as possible:

**\$40 for Kindergarten, Yr1, Yr2 students**

**\$50 for Yr 3/4/5/6 students**

You will be issued with a special receipt upon payment for these resources. Thank you.

### **SCHOOL TERM CALENDAR**

Please find the Term 1 school calendar in this newsletter. It is correct at the time of printing but parents are advised to check the weekly newsletter and any notes sent home for additions and changes to the calendar.

**PT&F CORNER****Carlton's Ram Sale:**

Thank you to those who helped in any way with our first fundraiser for the year. It was a great day for all concerned.

**Meetings:**

**Our first meeting for the year will be held TODAY Wed 10 February at 5:30pm in the school hall.** We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible especially our new parents. Your support is greatly appreciated.

***Kathy Dodd (President) Phone 6778 4774 or Mob. 0423 418 467***

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**URALLA TIGERS RUGBY LEAGUE**

Uralla Tigers RL Club will hold its 2016 Registration Day on Thursday 18 February from 5:30pm—6:30pm at the Uralla Sporting Complex. Cost is \$70 per player and the season commences on 30 April. For further information contact Clare Baker on 0427 705 058 or email [clarebaker@bigpond.com](mailto:clarebaker@bigpond.com)

**JUNIOR GOLF**

The Armidale Golf Club will host the Ross Low Memorial Junior Open Golf Day on Sunday 14 February. This event is open to ALL juniors with OR without handicaps. Cost is \$12 (4 holes); \$15 (9 holes); \$20 (18 holes). Entry forms are available at the school office.

**YEAR 7 SELECTIVE STATE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENTS 2017**

The NSW Department of Education has advised that the Selective High School Placement Tests will be held on Thursday 10 March 2016. This is just a reminder for those parents who have already submitted application forms online.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Thank you to those families who have sent in any outstanding library books from last year. If you haven't had a chance to search and return any books, it's not too late! Please send them in as soon as possible. Students will need to have a library bag each FRIDAY for taking out borrowed books. Many students would still have the library bag which was given to them by the PT&F in their Kindy welcome packs when they first started at St Joseph's. If not, then any bag suitable for protecting borrowed books will do.